

## Fractured Glacial Till

Glaciers grind forward shearing diamict below  
Illinoian, Wisconsinan, Kansan ice sheets  
Advance and ablade, advance and ablade

Isostatic rebound as tons of ice melt back  
Pressure release, a weight lifted off  
Land rises and falls, rises and falls

Mastodon tracks baked by the Pleistocene sun  
Solar desiccation and seasonal change  
Freeze thaw, freeze thaw

Thick muddy glacial outwash and clayey till  
Cracks, fissures, fractures, joints  
Endless cycles of nature over time

Leaving behind  
Only cracks in dirt

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